GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TOBACCO PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of tobacco produced in the country during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Government propose to reduce the consumption of tobacco in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount of economic assistance propose to be provided to tobacco growers as compensation for it?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): Production estimates of tobacco for the last three years are given below:-

Year	Production (Million Tonnes)
1996-97	0.62
1997-98	0.64
1998-99	0.70

(b) & (c): A comprehensive legislation to discourage the use of totacco and its products has already been cleared by the Cabinet.

(d): There is no scheme to provide compensation in this regard.